

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of : Rudolf KAWALLA, et al.  
Serial No. : 09/936,381  
Filed on : December 21, 2001  
Based on PCT International  
Application No. : PCT/EP00/01517  
Title : METHOD FOR PRODUCING HOT  
STRIP

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Attn: PCT Legal Staff

Sir:

The above-identified non-provisional application was filed on September 10, 2001. However, when claiming priority of the PCT International Application on the transmittal letter, a typographical error was made, thereby resulting in reference to the wrong PCT International Application. The above-identified non-provisional application should claim benefit of the PCT International Application No. PCT/EP00/01517 and not PCT/EP00/01575 as it is indicated on the transmittal letter.

Below, the applicants shall present the facts that indicate that the reference to the wrong PCT International Application was made unintentionally and without deceptive intent.

1. Upon the filing of the above-identified non-provisional application, the applicants submitted a copy of the PCT International Application No. PCT/EP00/01517 as published, a copy of the International Search Report, and a copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report issued in connection with the PCT/EP00/01517

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2. Upon the filing of the above-identified non-provisional application, the applicants submitted a Preliminary Amendment making reference to the PCT International Application No. PCT/EP00/01517.
3. Upon the filing of the above-identified non-provisional application, the applicants submitted an Information Disclosure Statement making reference to the PCT International Application No. PCT/EP00/01517 and submitted references cited in the International Search Report issued in connection with PCT/EP00/01517.
4. The Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment documents submitted with the Reply to Notice of Missing Requirements on December 21, 2001 both refer to the PCT International Application No. PCT/EP00/01517.

The above facts indicate that the priority claim upon filing of the above-identified non-provisional application to PCT/EP00/01575 was made unintentionally and without deceptive intent. Therefore, the applicants respectfully request that the claim of priority for the above-identified non-provisional application be changed to PCT International Application No. PCT/EP00/01517. In addition, the applicants request a corrected filing receipt to be issued listing the correct priority data and the correct title. The correct title, as indicated upon filing of the application is:

--METHOD OF PRODUCING A HOT-ROLLED STRIP--

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If any fee is required in connection with this Request, the undersigned attorney/agent hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge that fee to Deposit Account No. 16-2500 of the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,  
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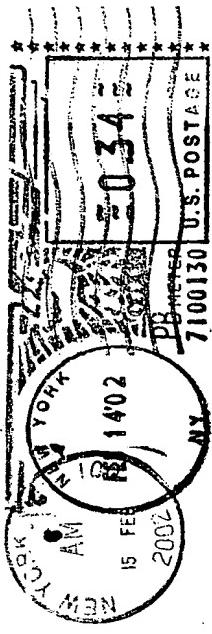
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